

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Jewell L. "Judy"
Peel of Dyer County.

WHEREAS, it was with great sorrow and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the death of a distinguished and beloved Tennessean, Mrs. Jewell L. "Judy" Peel of Dyer County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Peel will live eternally in the hearts and minds of many as she was a consummate professional, an invaluable servant of Dyer County, and a mother figure and source of inspiration to many; and

WHEREAS, for 32 years, Mrs. Peel was a cherished Dyer County courthouse employee, greeting everyone with whom she came into contact with a kind word and a warm smile; and

WHEREAS, knowledgeable observers have referred to her as "a jewel of a person", saying that she was "sympathetic to everyone, especially those that were hurting", a rare and endearing quality; and

WHEREAS, as assistant deputy to the County Clerk for 15 years, then as Register of Deeds for 17 years, Mrs. Peel rarely thought of her employment as a "job"; she viewed her position as a way to utilize her time and talents to help her fellow man and woman; and

WHEREAS, throughout her sterling 32-year career, she was truly a credit to her profession; she was often celebrated for her deft organizational skills, sagacious leadership, and superb attention to detail; and

WHEREAS, one of Mrs. Peel's most adroit qualities included her uncommon ability to motivate her colleagues to realize their full potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; she

was a mentor in every sense of the word, helping to build the character, confidence and self-esteem of those around her; and

WHEREAS, despite her many demands, Mrs. Peel always found time to devote to noteworthy causes; she gave unreservedly of herself as a board member of the Dyer County unit of the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mrs. Peel evinced her strong faith in God through her membership with Finley United Methodist Church, where they mourn the loss of a treasured member; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Peel was most appreciative of the love and support she shared with her husband, Ike Peel, Jr., their two children, Becky Cupples and Ike Peel, III, and their three grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, although Mrs. Peel has relinquished this life for a far greater existence, her legacy will likely live forever in Dyer County and our great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we pause to mourn the passing of Mrs. Jewell L. "Judy" Peel, while also celebrating the life of the great lady; and we honor her lifetime of achievements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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